

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, June 11, 2013  
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

**Minutes**

**Present:** J. Armstrong, P. Barry, M. Hart, M. Kirk, C. Paulhus, J. Saddlemire, N. Silander, W. Simpson

**Staff:** M. Capriola (*Town*), van Zelm (*MDP*)

**1. Call To Order**

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**2. May 14, 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Saddlemire made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Silander. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented (Armstrong was not present for the vote).

**3. Updates:**

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership*: van Zelm provided updates on apartment rental and commercial leasing and public infrastructure projects.

b. *MCCP*: No report.

c. *Water Supply EIE*: Governance and water supply connection options are currently under review. The Town has hired legal counsel to provide advice on governance issues. To date, responses have been received from Connecticut Water and the MDC. At this time, Windham Water Works has indicated an interest in only selling bulk water.

**4. Legislative Update**

Hart provided an update on anticipated intergovernmental revenues Mansfield will receive from the State of Connecticut. Committee members commented on the following:

- The State is not funding its PILOT payments for UCONN property at 45% of assessed value as called for by statute. The actual number is closer to 25-30% of assessed value.
- The value of state property outweighs the value of private property in Mansfield.
- During a period of UCONN expansion how can the state decrease PILOT funding? PILOT helps the Town fund services to manage secondary impacts of UCONN growth.

Kirk provided an update on Next Generation. UCONN is planning to meet with Town officials to discuss the potential impact on Mansfield. Various housing issues (both on and off campus) were discussed. Committee members expressed an interest in additional housing being provided on campus to minimize the impact of large numbers of students living in off campus neighborhoods.

## **5. Other Business Announcements**

Inquiries into the potential Carriage House Apartments redevelopment and Ponde Place development were made. No application is on file for Carriage House and there is still no water supply connection for Ponde Place.

## **6. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee**

Quentin Kessel, Codfish Falls Road. Mr. Kessel disclosed his affiliation with the Conservation Commission but indicated he was speaking as an individual. Mr. Kessel spoke to the water supply EIE, other water supply issues, and reminded the Committee of the Conservation Commission's recommendations re: water supply.

## **7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maria E. Capriola, M.P.A.  
Assistant Town Manager, Town of Mansfield